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Romantic Turkey Trip

9 Days 8 Nights



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Turkey

Enter the Cradle of Civilization

It's a land spanning the continents of Europe and Asia, known as the "cradle of civilization." As the most strategic stop along the ancient Silk Road, it inherits both the culture of the Eastern Roman Empire and Islam, thus serving as a convergence point for Eastern and Western civilizations.

Listed among the world's top ten tourist destinations, it's a captivating treasure trove of history and culture. Once the center of the Roman Empire, the Byzantine Empire, and the Ottoman Empire, it boasts a history spanning 6,500 years and heritage from thirteen different civilizations. With its geography of three seas and complex inland terrain, it offers incredibly diverse tourism resources.

This journey through Turkey will offer you a multifaceted travel experience, from the vibrant metropolis of Istanbul to charming coastal towns. Explore ancient historical sites and marvel at the romantic hot air balloons of Cappadocia. Combining modernity, history, and tradition, it fulfills all your imaginings of Turkey.

Join us on this journey to Turkey, and uncover the stories hidden behind its dreamy veil.



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OUR UNIQUENESS

Why choose us?

02 ACCOMMODATION LOCATIONS

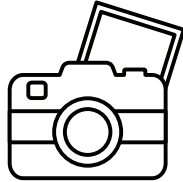
The hotels are all located within or near the city center and attractions, allowing tour members to enjoy better views and save time on travel.

04 STAY IN AUTHENTIC CAVE HOTELS

Stay three nights in authentic cave hotels in Goreme, experiencing the unique feeling of living in a cave and increasing the chance to experience hot air balloon rides.

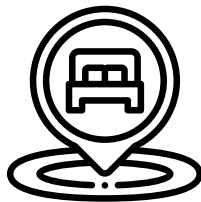
06 EXPERIENCE A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES

Experience a variety of activities such as riding antique cars, visiting popular carpet shops for photography experiences, and exploring a rooftop café in Istanbul.



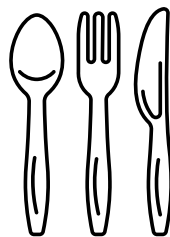
01 TOUR LEADER DOCUMENTING THE ENTIRE JOURNEY

Tour leader (photographer) capturing every precious moment of the journey through the lens, without additional charges.



03 RETURN FLIGHT

Taking a one-way domestic flight can alleviate travel fatigue for the tour members and save time on the journey.



05 FLEXIBLE DINING OPTIONS

In addition to sampling local delicacies, we also strive to provide flexible dietary options.



9 DAYS 8 NIGHTS ITINERARY

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DAY 1

Arrive Istanbul

- Arrive at Istanbul - Istanbul Airport in the early morning.
- Guided tour of city attractions by a local Turkish guide including Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, Hippodrome of Constantinople, and Byzantine Cisterns.
- Check-in at the hotel located in the Sultanahmet district of the city center.
- Take a short rest, then enjoy free time to explore the bustling streets of the city.



Accommodation:

Hotel in Istanbul

Meals: Lunch

DAY 2

Istanbul Full Day Tour

- After breakfast, we board the Nova Santiye to admire the charming views of the Golden Horn.
- Around noon, we embark on the Bosphorus Straits Cruise to enjoy the beautiful scenery along both banks.
- Take a leisurely stroll around the Golden Horn Waterfront, experiencing the unique cultural blend of the European and Asian continents.
- If time permits, we'll take you to the top of the Galata Tower to enjoy the beautiful evening scenery.



Accommodation:

Hotel in Istanbul

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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DAY 3

Istanbul - Bursa

- After breakfast, we'll depart from beautiful Istanbul and head to Bursa. Known for its ski resorts, Ottoman Empire sultan tombs, and fertile plains, Bursa is also the birthplace of many famous Turkish foods.
- Upon arrival in Bursa, we'll visit the Ottoman Village - Cumalikizik.

Accommodation:

Hotel in Bursa

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4

Bursa - Cesme - Alacati - Kusadasi

- After breakfast, we'll leave the hotel and head to the charming coastal town of Cesme, known for its Aegean Sea vibes.
- In the afternoon, we'll enjoy some leisure time in another town bursting with local flavor, Alacati, where we'll have afternoon tea and experience the laid-back lifestyle of the locals.
- We'll conclude the day by checking into the seaside hotel in Kusadasi.
- Dinner will be followed by free time for personal activities.

Accommodation:

Hotel in Kusadasi

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5

Kusadasi - Ephesus - Pamukkale

- After breakfast, we'll depart from Kusadasi and first visit a local leather shop for exploration.
- Next, we'll head to Ephesus, the best-preserved classical city in the eastern Mediterranean. It offers a glimpse into life during the Roman era, with its extensive ruins spanning over two millennia. Ephesus is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Following our visit to Ephesus, we'll continue our journey to Pamukkale, known as the "Cotton Castle."
- Upon arrival, we'll check into the hotel for some rest. After dinner, you'll have free time to explore at your leisure.



Accommodation:

Spa Hotel in Pamukkale

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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DAY 6

Pamukkale - Konya - Goreme

- After breakfast, we'll aim to arrive at Pamukkale as early as possible to capture captivating photos in the gentle morning sunlight.
- Then, we'll visit the ruins of Hierapolis on the hillside. The well-preserved semicircular theater is one of the few remaining examples of Greek-style architecture.
- Following lunch, we'll depart from Pamukkale, with a stopover in Konya, en route to the most anticipated destination of our journey- Cappadocia.
- We'll arrive in the evening at the town of Cappadocia and check into our cave hotel.



Accommodation:

Cave hotel in Goreme

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7

Goreme Day Tour

(If there are weather/wind/public factors affecting, the hot air balloon activity will be postponed for a day)

- Early in the morning, we will embark on a hot air balloon ride.
- The Cappadocia Hot Air Balloon is one of the most spectacular attractions in the world. Riding the hot air balloon offers a panoramic view of Cappadocia and the sunrise, an experience that is a must in life.
- After the hot air balloon lands, there will be a small ceremony where champagne will be opened to celebrate, and each person will receive a meaningful certificate.
- Return to the hotel for breakfast.
- After breakfast, we will visit the surrounding attractions of Goreme, including the Goreme Open-Air Museum, Devrent Valley, and Uchisar Castle.
- Then we will visit a famous carpet shop in the town.
- End of the day's itinerary, everyone can enjoy dinner in the town. Free time.

Accommodation:

Cave hotel in Goreme

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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DAY 8

Goreme Day Tour

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- This morning, we will visit the Underground City and then proceed to a local ceramic workshop to observe the traditional Turkish ceramic-making process.
- In the afternoon, we'll arrange for a classic Goreme antique car ride. Sit back in the antique car as the driver takes us to the scenic spots, where we can capture memorable photos.
- The rest of the day is free for everyone to explore the town at their leisure.



Accommodation:

Cave hotel in Goreme

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 9

Flight Day

Goreme - Flight - Istanbul Half Day- Istanbul airport

(Subject to weather conditions and other factors affecting hot air balloon rides, the availability of balloon rides will be determined)

- Today, everyone must rise early for a photo session on the balcony of the cave hotel. (Subject to weather conditions)
- After breakfast, we'll head to Kayseri / Nevsehir Airport to catch an inland flight back to Istanbul.

(We will arrange additional activities for the latter half of the day based on the recommended flight schedule.)

Accommodation:

Cave hotel in Goreme

Meals: Breakfast

TOUR FEES INCLUDE/ NOT INCLUDE:

INCLUDE



- 5 nights local 4-5 star hotels (city center hotels)
- 3 nights Goreme cave hotels
- Comfortable land transportation and driver throughout the trip
- Meals as specified in the itinerary
- One-way domestic flight (Kayseri/Nevsehir - Istanbul)
- Roundtrip airport transfers in Istanbul
- One-way airport transfer in Kayseri/Nevsehir
- Goreme antique car experience
- Entrance ticket to Goreme's famous carpet shop and photography experience
- Breakfast buffet at Goreme cave hotels (subject to weather conditions)
- Ticket to Istanbul rooftop café
- Entrance ticket to Galata Tower observation deck
- Bosphorus Strait cruise
- Local Chinese-speaking guide throughout the trip
- Entrance tickets to all specified attractions and museums
- Daily supply of mineral water



Memories expertly captured by our Tour Leader throughout the entire journey.



NOT
INCLUDE



- Roundtrip international airfare
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for drivers and guides
- Optional activities: hot air balloon ride, Turkish night show, ATV safari, etc.
- Travel insurance

⚠⚠⚠ Notice ⚠⚠⚠

Tour members are responsible for any economic losses and additional expenses incurred due to weather conditions, natural disasters, visa issues, flight delays, transportation disruptions, road conditions, political factors, and other unforeseeable circumstances.

OVERVIEW OF ROUTES



STAYS & TRANSPORT



Local 4-5 star hotels in the city center



Goreme Cave hotel



Standard buses: 16-seater / 40-seater
(depending on the number of passengers)

THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE COMING TO TURKEY



Local Temperature Forecast (For Reference Only)

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| Apr-May (Spring): | Istanbul 8°C/20°C | Bursa 6°C/20°C | Kusadasi 11°C/22°C | Pamukkale 11°C/25°C | Goreme 4°C/18°C |
| Sep-Oct (Autumn): | 13°C/25°C | 9°C/27°C | 16°C/29°C | 16°C/30°C | 6°C/19°C |

- Respecting and understanding Turkey's religious and cultural traditions is crucial. Therefore, when visiting places like mosques, it's important to adhere to etiquette and dress modestly, avoiding revealing clothing.
- Turkey typically has a dry climate. During spring and autumn, daytime temperatures are comfortable, but many attractions lack shade, and mornings and evenings may be slightly chilly.
- In the Cappadocia region, especially in Goreme, occasional dust storms may occur due to the area's geographical features and climate conditions.
- Some routes/attractions require a short walk to reach. The path is somewhat uneven.
- Hot air balloon rides are subject to weather conditions and cannot be guaranteed.
- To fully experience Turkish culture and cuisine, we encourage you to have an open mind and try different local dishes.
- During the journey, there may be some bumpy rides, and on the sixth day, the journey will be approximately 9 hours long.
- The unique cave hotel may have different room designs and sizes. We will allocate the rooms by drawing lots.
- For the last day's domestic flight, 15kg of checked baggage and 10kg of carry-on baggage are provided. We recommend bringing only the necessary items and clothing for the last day on board, as other items will be transported by the driver to Istanbul. (Subject to change)

DETAILS

- Departure: Apr, May, Sep, Oct (The date will be published on our FB and website)
- Group size: 14 or 20 members per group
- Private tours: Dates and itineraries can be arranged by the organizer and the participants themselves.
- Tour fees: refer to the website

Remark:

- For solo travellers, we will do our best to find a roommate for you. Otherwise, a single-room supplement will apply.
- Once the group is formed, the tour leader will provide details regarding flight tickets. Participants are responsible for purchasing their own flight tickets and following up on the status of their tickets.
- Registration is confirmed upon receipt of the deposit payment. Limited spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

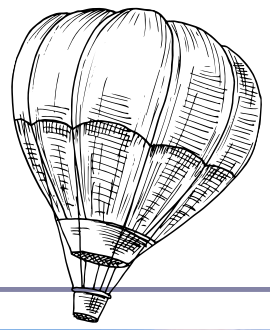
Term & Condition

1. A deposit is required for reservation. The full balance must be paid within the specified time frame, no later than 45 days before departure. Failure to comply may lead to reservation cancellation and deposit forfeiture.
2. Cancellation policy:
 - a. Cancellation of reservation must be made in writing to avoid any misunderstanding.
 - b. If no replacement is found, cancellation charges apply based on when we receive notice:
 - i. 45 days or more before the date of departure - Forfeiture of tour deposit
 - ii. 22 - 44 days before the date of departure - 70% of tour fare non-refundable
 - iii. Within 21 days before the date of departure - 100% of tour fare non-refundable
 - iv. No refund for fees already incurred and non-refundable from other relevant authorities, e.g., flight or train tickets
3. If there are any unforeseen circumstances or uncontrollable/force majeure (weather, tide, nature factor, traffic delays/cancellations, illness, pandemic, strikes, war or other causes), the company reserve the right to make changes to/cancel itinerary or postpone the tour at any time, no refunds are available.
4. Travel Document:
 - a. A tour member must have: An international passport or other recognized travel documents which should be valid for at least 6 months from the date of return to the country of origin; The necessary visa and vaccination and health certificates as required by the various authorities of the countries to be visited.
 - b. The company is not responsible for expenses, reimbursement, or tour price refund if a member is denied entry or deported due to improper documents or other reasons.
5. No refund or reduction will be made to any member in respect of airfare, accommodation, meals, sightseeing tours, transport or any other services which are included in the tour fare out not utilized by the tour member due to personal reasons.
6. The company reserves the right to cancel or withdraw any itinerary, or any reservation made for a client or decline to accept or retain any person from being a tour member if he is likely to endanger the health or safety, or impair the comfort or enjoyment of others on the tour.
7. All members are advised to purchase travel insurance for added protection against various unforeseen events.

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Hot Air Balloon Ride

Enjoy a panoramic view of Cappadocia from high above, 360 degrees.

*(Subject to weather conditions)



Unique Cave Hotel

Experience the most special accommodation
Take photos at the open-air breakfast terrace of the cave hotel

*(Subject to weather conditions)



Pamukkale

Admire the magnificent work of nature

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Blue Mosque

Visit the only mosque in the world with six minarets



Ephesus

The grandeur of Ephesus showcases the former splendor of this classical city.

Bosphorus Cruise

Experience the enchanting beauty of the Bosphorus Strait while cruising and marvel at the picturesque landscapes on both sides of the Eurasian continent.



Hierapolis Ruins

Experience the grandeur and decline of the Roman Empire at the Hierapolis archaeological site.



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Local Delicacies

Indulge in the diverse array of exotic Turkish delicacies, offering a taste of the country's rich culinary heritage.



Rooftop Views

Enjoy captivating views of the Bosphorus from the rooftops of Istanbul.



Famous Carpet Shop

Strike a pose and capture memories at the famous carpet shops in Goreme.

Classic Antique Car

Hop on the antique car for a photo session, leaving behind the most romantic memories.



FAQ

1. When is the best time to visit Turkey?

We recommend spring (April-May) for its warm and comfortable weather with blooming flowers, as well as autumn (September-October) for moderate temperatures and pleasant scenery. Conversely, summer (June-August) can be hot and dry, while winter (December-February) tends to be cold and rainy.

2. Why choose our Turkey tour?

Please refer to page 4 for our unique selling points.

3. Is there a high chance of hot air balloon flights?

The best months are from April to October. However, we cannot predict the weather accurately for any given day. Until the last moment, we cannot confirm if flights will take off.

Factors determining balloon flights include wind speed, temperature, and visibility. Even before takeoff, if the wind speed exceeds the meteorological bureau's regulations, all balloon flights must be immediately canceled.

Therefore, we arrange for 3 nights' stay in Cappadocia to increase the chances of riding a hot air balloon. However, due to limited balloons flying each day, we will make reservations in advance for one of the three days for tour members. If flights are canceled on the selected day, we will make arrangements based on the weather and public circumstances on the other two days.

4. Are the hot air balloon baskets large or small?

Similar to boarding an airplane, whether it's an A320 with over 100 passengers or an A380 with over 600 passengers, each person will have their own seat, so there is generally no difference in comfort level. We will select hot air balloon companies based on safety and company size.

5. Are children/seniors suitable for traveling to Turkey?

Most attractions involve walking, and the terrain is not always flat. Therefore, we do not recommend children under 3 years old to travel. As for seniors considering a trip to Turkey, health condition is crucial, and factors such as physical fitness and mobility need to be taken into account.

FAQ

6. Interested in accommodation and its star rating?

Throughout the trip, we'll be staying at local 4-5 star hotels, as well as unique cave hotels in the Goreme area. This not only saves travel time but also provides an opportunity to witness the stunning scenery of Goreme and the magnificent sight of hot air balloons up close.

7. What is the currency in Turkey?

The common currency used in Turkey is the Turkish Lira (TRY). Euros or US dollars can be used for additional activities and tipping, and some shops accept credit cards.

8. How is the food in Turkey?

In Turkish dining, bread is commonly served, and rice is often considered a side dish. Meat dishes primarily feature lamb, chicken, and beef. In addition to experiencing local specialties, we also strive to arrange flexible dining options, such as diverse buffet meals and Chinese cuisine.



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